

The first official meeting of the By-Laws Committee was convened at 3:00 P.M. Sunday, September 7 at the home of Herman E. in Doylestown. Present were Ron S., presiding officer, members Ken H., Herman E., Alan R., Joe B., and Dr. Bob

Joe B. was elected secretary of the Committee.

The first consideration was of the purpose of the organization. Herman E. presented a statement which read: "To formulate and carry out such ideas as will better the life of homosexuals in their personal, business, and social lives, and thus help them to take their rightful and respected place in the world as a whole." Dr. Bob presented a statement which read: "A general outline on the need, reason, and purpose for organizing a homosexual movement here in the Lehigh Valley." Several other ideas were suggested: legalization, education, social service, voluntary. Consideration was also given to a statement authored by MSNY\* which read in part: "to achieve first class citizenship for the homosexually oriented individual."

It was then decided to write a statement of purpose based on the proposal read by Herman E. The following statement was adopted by motion of the Committee: "The purpose of this organization is to formulate and achieve the rightful and respected place in society for the homosexually oriented individual."

A motion was passed to present this statement of purpose to the general meeting in September. A suggestion, that a word outline of the whole constitution be presented at the same meeting, was received, but not acted upon.

Next, consideration was given to the qualifications for membership. Geographic, homosexual, criminal record, mental health, racial, and sex were among the qualifications rejected. Adopted on a motion was the

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\*Mattachine Society of New York

following statement on membership: "Membership is available to anyone, regardless of sex.

Next, consideration was given to who should be the officers of the society. Discussion included the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director, and possibly Assistant Director. Discussion also included some consideration of their duties.

This consideration and discussion was tabled until the next meeting to be held at 7:00 P.M. Thursday, September 11 at the home of Ken H.

Respectfully submitted by

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Committee